

Dental Health & Nutrition Services

Service Statistics

| | FY 2002-03 | FY 2003-04 | FY 2001-02 |
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| Dental Division clinic visits | 6,900 | 6,838 | 6,613 |
| Over 60% of the clinic visits were for racial and ethnic minorities | | | |
| Children and adults reached through educational presentations* | 3,262 | 5,296* | 4,525* |
| Mobile Health Clinic (clients served) | 1,106 | 952 | 1,025 |
| Mobile Health Clinic site visits (all) | 116 | 104 | 114 |
| Mobile Health Clinic Dental staff site visits/clients served through screening, risk assessment, and education | 57/289 | 76/594 | 88/643 |
| Children receiving school screenings and referrals | 5,580 | 5,322 | 5,028** |
| Clients seen in WIC Health and Nutrition Program | 5,375 | 5,527 | 5,773 |
| Estimated WIC nutrition education contacts per year | 13,156 | 13,914 | 14,346 |
| Estimated WIC client visits | 10,212 | 10,501 | 10,968 |
| WIC supplemental foods issued in dollars | \$1,007,271 | \$1,246,581 | \$1,305,137 |

**2,286 children reached through Lincoln Public Schools 3rd grade presentations in collaboration with the Lincoln District Dental Association using volunteer dentists, UNMC College of Dentistry dental students and LLCHD dental staff.*

***4,522 children were screened in 36 elementary schools, targeting children that have not reported seeing a dentist in the past 12 monts in collaboration with Lincoln Public Schools and the Lincoln District Dental Association using community dentists and LLCHD dental staff.*

The Mobile Health Clinic is a conduit to people in need of a permanent medical home.



368 clients were served on Mobile Health Clinic at 45 neighborhood sites for risk assessment, screening and referral for chronic disease prevention (cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and oral health). Of those clients served, 342 or 93% had abnormal screening results or elevated risk factors. Neighborhood sites included area businesses, community centers, and faith-based organizations and churches. Another 200 clients were screened for skin cancer during 7 site visits with area WorkWell companies.

Nutrition Services

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

The number of women and children served through the WIC Program has increased each year. In 2005, 5,773 clients received services at the Health Department. Nutrition education by registered dietitians helps assure positive health outcomes. Over 56% of the children diagnosed overweight or at risk for becoming overweight improve their Body Mass Index (BMI) status in approximately 6 months. 79% of the children that have a low hemoglobin improve within 6 months. Bilingual staff are employed in the Department's clinic and are available to assist all clients when language is a barrier.



The Dental and Nutrition Division served nearly 7,000 children through outreach, screenings and education in Lincoln and Lancaster County schools this past year. 4,522 students who had not seen a dentist in the past 12 months received dental screenings at 36 elementary schools. Partners included::

- Lincoln District Dental Association
- Lincoln Public Schools
- University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry
- Private practice dentists

Minority Health Outreach

Health disparities continue to climb. Improved access and reducing barriers is only part of the solution. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department received a Minority Health Project Grant for \$982,759, a two year grant focusing on cardiovascular health serving minorities in medically underserved areas. Partners are: People's Health Center, Lancaster County Medical Society, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Clinic With A Heart, UN-L Public Policy Center, UNMC College of Dentistry.



"People's Health Center and Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department have collaborated on numerous projects to improve the significant health disparities evident in our community. This partnership has allowed us to be a "safety net" for care and address the barriers that exist. We are aware that no single agency can meet the needs of the underserved residents of this County. We continue to work closely with the Health Department in developing a plan so every person has access to a medical home."

David Paulus, MD
People's Health Center
2004 John J. Hannigan Award Winner



"It has been a great pleasure to have the opportunity to shadow Dr. Paulus. People's Health Center offers an excellent balance between clinical medicine, community care and public health activities. My nine months of direct patient encounter has given me the impression that quality primary care services through the health center has minimized costly emergency room visits while providing patients with a medical home."

Syed Waker Moazzem, MBBS, MPH
Public Health Epidemiologist

